

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 14 2016 to 0600 February 15 2016



Los Angeles City Fire Department Major Emergency fire in abandoned motel 2/14/16

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Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

Record-setting cold chills U.S. Northeast on Valentine's Day

(Reuters) Residents of much of the northeastern United States woke up on Sunday to bone-chilling cold conditions that shattered Valentine's Day records in Boston, Hartford and Providence. Officials warned residents to stay indoors in the face of the -9 degree Fahrenheit (-22.8 Celsius) temperatures, which felt as cold as -40 degrees Fahrenheit with the wind chill. "It's fair to say that this is a historic Arctic outbreak for the modern era," the National Weather Service said in a morning forecast update. Forecasters warned that frostbite could set in on exposed skin within minutes, and urged residents to check on elderly neighbors. While the system brought intense cold to the region, little snow has fallen so far this winter, placing less stress on roads and rails than last winter's record-setting 9 feet (2.75 meters) of snowfall in Boston. New York was also feeling the coldest weather it had experienced in a year, and Governor Andrew Cuomo urged people to stay inside. "With bitterly cold temperatures expected to continue through the long weekend, New Yorkers should remain alert and avoid all unnecessary travel," Cuomo said. The cold put a damper on some couples' Valentine's Day celebration plans, with walks and other outdoor activities curtailed. Others embraced the extremes, with more than 2,000 taking part in the Sea Isle, New Jersey, annual "Polar Bear Plunge," dipping into the icy Atlantic to raise funds for the city's revitalization. Police throughout the region sought homeless people to urge them to spend the night in shelters, where cots, mats and even chairs were rolled out to give people a place to shelter from the cold.

International News – Significant Events

Syria conflict: Two hospitals hit in new air strikes

(BBC) Two hospitals have been hit in new air strikes in northern Syria, medics and witnesses say, causing a number of deaths and injuries. In Azaz on the Turkish border, at least 10 people reportedly died, including several in one hospital building. Medecins Sans Frontieres said seven people died and eight are missing after another attack in Maarat al-Numan. The strikes come days after Russia and other world powers agreed to a limited cessation of hostilities in Syria. Almost five years of civil war in Syria have led to the deaths of more than 250,000 people. More than 11 million people have been displaced. It has not been confirmed who carried out the latest attacks. However, Mego Terzian, president of MSF France, said the Maarat al-Numan strikes were carried out by forces "loyal to President Bashar al-Assad". He told Reuters: "There were at least seven deaths among the personnel and the patients, and at least eight MSF personnel have disappeared, and we don't know if they are alive." Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said a Russian ballistic missile had hit buildings in Azaz, with children among the dead. Associated Press reported that five people had died at the children's hospital. One medic, Juma Rahal, told the Reuters news agency: "We have been moving scores of screaming children from the hospital." Several more people were killed in an air raid on a nearby village, AP reported. Russia has been carrying out air strikes in Syria since September in support of President Assad and against what it terms "terrorists". MSF said four rockets had hit the hospital in Maarat al-Numan, a rebel-held town about 30km (20 miles) south of the city of Idlib, within minutes of each other on Monday morning. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based group which relies on a network of sources on the ground, said nine people were killed, including a child. The raid also left dozens of others wounded, it added. "This appears to be a deliberate attack on a health structure, and we condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms," said Massimiliano Rebaudengo, MSF's head of mission in Syria. "The destruction of the hospital leaves the local population of around 40,000 people without access to medical services in an active zone of conflict." The 30-bed hospital, which MSF had been supporting since September 2015, had 54 staff, two operating theatres, an outpatients department and an emergency room.



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Weather of Concern

Northern California

- After an extended dry period, wetter weather is likely to return Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- This is an average storm by February standards, with the primary impacts likely to Sierra travel.

Southern California

- Northeast winds will increase to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph and persist into early this afternoon.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Medford Weather:

High pressure will build dry weather to the area today and Tuesday with night time valley fog and low clouds. A cold front will spread rain to areas west of the cascades on Wednesday then move across the area Wednesday night. Showers continue through Friday with snow levels in the 4000 to 5000 foot range.

Eureka Weather:

High pressure today and Tuesday will bring warm and dry weather. Rain mountain snow and a return of cooler temperatures are expected mid to late week.

Reno Weather:

High pressure near the West Coast will keep above average temperatures and generally light winds into Tuesday. A fast moving storm will bring a return of wintry conditions Wednesday and Thursday with gusty winds rain and mountain snow.

Sacramento Weather:

Expect dry weather with near-record high temperatures early this week. Wetter and cooler weather expected middle-to-late this week.

San Francisco Weather:

Strengthening high pressure over California along with offshore winds will create the potential for record warm temperatures today and Tuesday. Cooling is forecast for Wednesday as a storm system begins to impact the West Coast bringing widespread rain to the region from late Wednesday into Thursday. A second weather system may produce additional rainfall in the North Thursday night and Friday. Dry weather is currently forecast to return to all areas by the weekend.



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WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Hanford Weather:

High pressure will continue to bring dry weather to the Central California interior through Tuesday with patchy night and morning fog in the San Joaquin valley. A low pressure system will bring rain and high sierra snow to the area Wednesday afternoon through Thursday.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

High pressure and gusty offshore winds will bring a return of breezy conditions and record heat through Tuesday. An upper level low will support much cooler conditions with the chance of rain late Wednesday into Thursday. Fair skies with a slight warm up are expected by next weekend.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

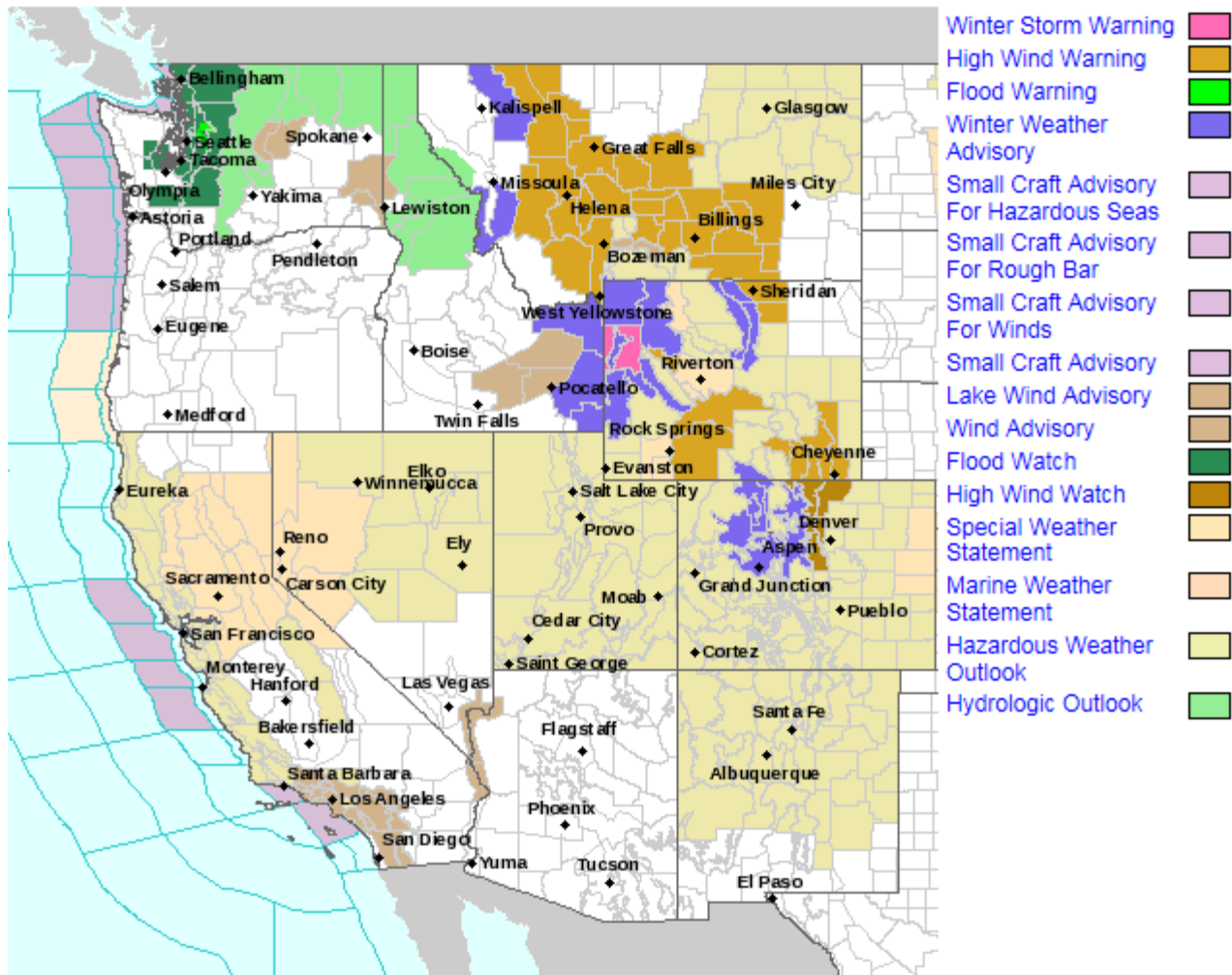
Surface high pressure over the great basin will bring locally strong gusty Santa Ana winds through early afternoon then weakening and continuing into Tuesday. High pressure aloft combined with the offshore flow will bring well above average high temperatures for today and Tuesday with some record high temperatures expected mostly in Coastal and Valley areas. For Wednesday and Thursday a trough of low pressure moving inland through California will bring cooling with strong gusty onshore winds and a chance of showers mainly Wednesday night and Thursday. Conditions dry and warmer for Friday through next weekend.

Southeast California Weather:

Very strong upper level high pressure will bring above normal temperatures to the region through the middle of this week with many lower deserts approaching or even reaching 90 degrees by Wednesday. Some minor relief will arrive by the end of the week as low pressure moves inland into the great basin but temperatures will still remain above seasonal normal and likely still above 80 degrees across much of the lower deserts.



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FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 62 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 28 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.